

property tax toward a sales tax financed in part by people all over the state. That is an option which is not offered to other cities. The extra half cent is not offered to, for instance, the first class cities. Senator Pappas had an amendment which would have done that. That amendment was soundly defeated. But the argument that the people of the City of Lincoln will decide whether or not to tax themselves in order to relieve property taxes is not completely valid and that as the sales tax increases we will have more and more resistance toward the notion of statewide property tax relief, that is my concern. I believe that if this bill is passed and Lincoln is well on its way to an extra half cent sales tax to relieve property tax, then other communities of the state will stand a lesser chance of getting property tax through an increase in the sales tax. It is not my intent to unduly delay that bill or any bill. That is not my style. I merely wanted an opportunity to draw out and show some facts in regard to the situation. Mr. President, I would withdraw the motion.

PRESIDENT: The motion has been withdrawn. Now then we are back to the bill on General File, correct? Select File. There is a motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have to the bill is that of Senator Haberman. Senator Haberman's amendment is on page 116 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, are you ready to take up your motion? Senator Haberman, your motion to amend LB 116 on Select File is now before the house. Senator Haberman apparently has asked to be excused, so we will proceed to the other motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Landis. This is the emergency clause amendment, Senator. (See page 752 of the Legislative Journal for the Landis amendment.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis. The motion is to add the emergency clause.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this bill gives the City of Lincoln two years to go out and get approval. We have a limited number of elections between now and then. One of them is this May. If the bill is